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## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT TRANSMITTAL

## **VIA EFS**

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Dear Sir:

Date:

Attached hereto is Form PTO-1449, submitted under **37 CFR 1.97(c)(1) and 1.97(e)(2)**, listing documents believed relevant to the subject application. It is respectfully requested that the examiner review the information disclosed herein in detail, independently evaluate each item carefully in the consideration of the pending claims and return an initialed copy of each form to the undersigned.

This disclosure statement should not be construed as a representation that a search has been made, that no other material information as defined in 37 CFR 1.56(a) exists, or as an admission that the information cited in the statement is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56(b) or is available as a reference under 35 U.S.C. §102 et seq. Applicant reserves the right to swear behind or otherwise disprove the alleged "prior" nature of any art cited should the facts support and the situation warrant such an action.

It is believed that this disclosure complies with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, and the Manual of Patent Examining Procedures § 609. If for some reason the examiner considers otherwise, it is respectfully requested that the undersigned be called so that any deficiencies can be remedied.

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